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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/897,107

Applicants: Akihiko YAMAGISHI

Filing Date: July 3, 2001

For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING
THERMOSTABILITY OF PROTEINS, PROTEINS
HAVING THERMOSTABILITY IMPROVED BY
THE METHOD AND NUCLEIC ACIDS
ENCODING THE PROTEINS

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: RAMIREZ

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pp.)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated August 29, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6 and 11-16, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-6 and 11-16, drawn to a method for improving thermostability of proteins;

Group II: Claim 7, drawn to a protein with improved thermostability; and

Group III: Claims 8-10, drawn to DNA encoding a protein with improved thermostability and a host cell comprising said DNA.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6 and 11-16, for further prosecution.